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ARRANGEMENTS FOR CONTACT WITH "DAN" IN GREAT BRITAIN (1945)

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the "FRATERNAL[BRATSKAYA]"[i]. On returning from the Army to WASHINGTON at the beginning of 1945, again established[a] contact with him on behalf of the "FRATERNAL" and came to an agreement to continue work on the collection of intelligence [INFORMATIYA] on the "ISLAND[OSTROV]"[ii]. However, did not disclose[b] to "DAN"[iii] the importance of the intelligence, though it is quite likely that he suspects this.

Arrangements for contact [SVYAZ'] with "DAN" on the "ISLAND"

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"DAN" will go[c] to the meeting and await our man for 10-15 minutes on the pavement immediately at the exit from "Regent Park"[d] tube station in Regent Street[d][iv]. "DAN" will have the magazine "JOHN BULL"[d] in his hand. Our man is to approach first and, after greeting him, will say - "Didn't I meet you at VICK's Restaurant at Connecticut Avenue"[d][v]. To this "DAN" is to reply - "Yes, VICK himself introduced you"[d]. After this our man is to show "DAN" a small

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is to show an exact copy of this label. Then the two men will [B% talk] business.

We recommend sending "ALAN"[vi] to contact[e] "DAN". Telegraph [2 groups unrecovered].

VIKTOR[vii]

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Notes: [a] In this instance the code group represents the past tense of the verb with all its personal endings. Without the full context it is impossible to say which personal ending is intended. Of the three possible interpretations of this sentence given below, the last is the least likely.

On returning from the Army to WASHINGTON at the beginning of 1945, he/she/they again established contact with him (DAN)...

On returning from the Army to WASHINGTON at the beginning of 1945, he (DAN) again established contact with him (person unknown)...

On [DAN's] return from the Army to WASHINGTON at the beginning of 1945, he/she/we/they again established contact with him (DAN)...

- [b] The code group represents the past tense of the verb with all its personal endings. The missing pronoun might be he/she/we/they.
- [c] The Russian verb suggests that the action of "going" will be performed on more than one occasion.
- [d] Given in English both in Cyrillic transliteration and in the Latin alphabet.
- [e] The expression used here is 'NA SVIaz' S%'. This might mean 'for liaison with'. In this context, however, "to contact "DAN"" seems more likely than "for liaison with "DAN"".

Comments: [i]✓ FRATERNAL : The Communist Party.

[ii]✓ ISLAND : GREAT BRITAIN.

[iii]✓ DAN : Unidentified cover-name.

[iv] As given. In point of fact, Regent's Park Tube Station is not in Regent Street.

[v] Vick's Restaurant, Connecticut Avenue, is in WASHINGTON, D.C.

[vi]✓ ALAN : Unidentified cover-name.

[vii] VIKTOR : Lt. Gen. P. H. FITIN.

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